

MINUTES
Special Session of the College Park City Council
Council Chambers
Tuesday, March 19, 2013
9:13 p.m. – 9:25 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Fellows; Councilmembers Wojahn, Kabir, Dennis, Catlin, Stullich, Day, and Mitchell.

ABSENT: Councilmember Afzali.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Chantal Cotton, Assistant to the City Manager; Terry Schum, Director of Planning, Steve Halpern, City Engineer; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Josh Ratner, Student Liaison.

During a regularly scheduled Worksession of the College Park City Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to enter into a Special Session to address time-sensitive legislation. The possibility of the Special Session was advertised on the meeting agenda. The motion carried 7 – 0 – 0 and the Council entered into the Special Session at 9:13 p.m.

Action Items:

13-G-41 Approval of a letter in opposition to SB 207 Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring and Work Zone Speed Control Systems

A motion was made by Councilmember Stullich and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to approve a letter to Senator Rosapepe in opposition to SB 207.

A draft letter is in the red folders along with the bill and a list of amendments. One aspect of the bill would require that a speed camera vendor be paid a flat fee each year, rather than basing the vendor fee on the number of citations processed, as the City does now with its vendor, Optotraffic. Council's position is that the City prefers to pay based on the number of citations processed, so that we are not paying for processing services we don't receive as the number of citations decreases over time due to the success of the program. Councilmember Stullich suggested some additional language to the letter; Council concurred.

There were no comments from the audience.

The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.

13-G-42 Support for funding for the College Park Academy in the Governor's budget

A motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Day to authorize staff to write a letter in support of continued funding in the Governor's budget for the College Park Academy.

The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.

Discussion Item:

College Park Day/Event Planner:

Councilmember Wojahn said we received a proposed contract for the College Park Day event planner. It doesn't need Council approval because it is below the \$30,000 threshold, and the funds are already budgeted, but Mr. Groh asked if we are certain that Council wants to go forward with College Park Day based on the attendance of 500 people last year. Councilmember Wojahn said we don't have to deal with early voting this year, and they are considering a new location, so he anticipates that attendance will be better this year. He asked if Council had any objection to proceeding with College Park Day. The budget funds the event at \$12,000 for the event planner and \$5,000 for the event. There was no objection from Council.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Kabir to adjourn the Special Session. With a vote of 7 – 0 – 0, the Special Session was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC
City Clerk

Date
Approved